

October 16, 2012

Mr. Julius Genachowski  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

On behalf of the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA), representing nearly 1,200 school superintendents and administrators in Illinois, I am writing to express our strong support for the nomination of American Association of School Administrators (AASA) Executive Director Dr. Daniel A. Domenech to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Board of Directors. Specifically, we are urging the appointment of Dr. Domenech as the representative for schools that are eligible to receive discounts, an opening created by the retirement of Anne Bryant.

As a state charter member of the AASA, we have had a close working relationship with AASA and it has been my pleasure to work closely with Dr. Domenech on issues of state and national importance in education. Dr. Domenech has provided wise and sound leadership and has been a guiding force for public education in this country. One of those important issues Dr. Domenech has supported is the E-Rate program to help provide schools and libraries affordable access to modern telecommunications and information systems.

Dr. Domenech's resume is exceptional and varied, including more than 40 years in public education from his days as a teacher in the black and Hispanic New York City community of South Jamaica in Queens to becoming superintendent of the 12<sup>th</sup>-largest school district in the nation, the Fairfax County, Virginia, Public Schools system. Prior to becoming executive director of AASA in 2008, Dr. Domenech was senior vice president for National Urban Markets with McGraw-Hill Education.

He also has held several leadership positions, including but not limited to being past president of the AASA, the New York State Council of School Superintendents, and the Suffolk County Organization for Promotion of Education. He was the first president and cofounder of the New York State Association of Bilingual Education, and he serves on several national committees and boards, including the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Impressive as those professional achievements are – and they are but a small sample from Dr. Domenech's resume – the main reason I am urging the appointment of Dr. Domenech is his absolute commitment to providing an opportunity for every student to succeed. Underlying his support for the E-Rate program is his understanding that in this highly competitive global market all students need and deserve the educational opportunities that technology can help provide and his steadfast commitment to provide those opportunities.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,



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